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PNE CELEBRATES A SPECTACULAR LEGACY OF SPORT

10 Big Decades – 10 Big Sport Moments At The PNE

Vancouver, BC – From stunning goals to spectacular sprints, many of British Columbia’s greatest sporting moments have occurred here at Hastings Park. Vancouver’s coming of age can be marked in ten powerful achievements in sport which have occurred over the last Century. As a city who loves its sports; we have rejoiced together and cried together while witnessing these supreme physical achievements. The Pacific National Exhibition is extremely proud to partner with the BC Sports Hall of Fame in a very special exhibit celebrating: **10 Big Decades, 10 Big Moments.**

Over the last century, athletes from around the world have experienced some of their greatest triumphs at Hastings Park. The Pacific Coliseum, the Forum, the Agrodome, Empire Stadium hold a collective legacy of being sites of sporting excellence.

Pavel Bure, Karen Magnussen and Percy Williams are just some of the athletes that have achieved greatness at Hastings Park. Highlights of **10 Big Decades, 10 Big Moments** will be showcased through moving images like the 1954 Miracle Mile, the historic run that marked the first time two athletes ran a mile in less than four minutes and the unforgettable Vancouver Canucks game 6 of the 1994 Stanley Cup finals. Kids can see what it feels like to stand on top of the podium, and envision running the Miracle Mile in a cut out picture.

The best sporting moment of each decade of the last 100 years will be depicted on banners in the exhibit. Artifacts including the stopwatch used to time the Miracle Mile, the pink dress Karen Magnussen wore during the 1973 World Figure Skating Championships, and the stick and puck used to score the Vancouver Canucks’ first NHL goal in 1970 will also be on display.

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10 Big Decades, 10 Big Moments is located in the Pacific Coliseum Concourse and is **FREE** with Fair admission. Fair-goers can enter their pick for the biggest sport moment for a daily chance to win a family membership to the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Also show your PNE ticket stub at the BC Sports Hall of Fame will receive 2 for 1 admission.

For more information about the 2009 Fair at the PNE visit: www.pne.ca.

BC Sports Hall of Fame

The BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a non-profit, self-sustaining society that was founded in 1966 by the late Eric Whitehead and a group of sports minded individuals. The goal was to establish a permanent tribute honouring BC's outstanding athletes, teams and builders of sport. The BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum offers tailored programs and activities to school and community groups as part of its mandate to raise awareness of sport and sport history. The organization is staffed by a team of four and guided by a volunteer board of trustees.

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Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit charity organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 17-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hasting Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

The BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum honours BC's teams, builders, athletes, pioneers, and media through 20,000 square feet of exciting exhibits. By 'Honouring the Past and Inspiring the Future', the Hall of Fame shares with its visitors the vision of those who achieved their dreams through dedication, talent, and hard work. Visit the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in person at Gate 'A' of BC Place Stadium (open daily from 10am to 5pm), or to learn more visit online at www.bcsportshalloffame.com.

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